How far have we come?

Presented by: Nigel Rawson, a Past President
Canadian Association for Population Therapeutics
• Conceived in Basle, Switzerland, in 1991 (during a coffee break!)

• Began life as the Canadian Pharmacoepidemiology Forum in Toronto in 1993

• “Baptized” as CAPT in Saskatoon in 1996
THE CANADIAN
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FORUM

PROGRAM

Sheraton Cavalier Hotel
Saskatoon
April 29 & 30, 1996
CAPT’s 1996 Local Organizing Committee
Do you remember these?
• In 2004, CAPT became part of the Canadian Therapeutic Congress and continued this partnership until 2007

• In 2008, CAPT was part of the Ninth World Conference on Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics in Quebec City

• CAPT re-established its own annual meeting in 2009 in Montreal

• CAPT began to hold its meetings in the Fall (2013)
Annual Meetings have been held in:

- British Columbia – Vancouver
- Alberta – Banff
- Saskatchewan – Saskatoon
- Manitoba – Winnipeg
- Ontario – Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa
- Quebec – Montreal, Quebec City
- Nova Scotia – Halifax
CAPT’s goal

To bring together a diverse group to discuss and promote ways to maximize the benefit and minimize the risk of therapeutic interventions at best cost

Since an epidemiological approach is required to pursue these activities, pharmacoepidemiology was the original focus
Program focus: over the years

Pharmacoepidemiology and drug safety

Pharmacoconomics rapidly included

Pharmaceutical policy discussions have always been part of CAPT programs

P-epi/econ methods continue to be integral to CAPT’s program
Conference themes: over the years

- Moving towards national **pharmacare** - population therapeutics in developing **health policy** (1999)
- From efficacy to effectiveness to **health policy** (2000)
- Optimal therapeutics through evaluation, policy and **practice** (2001)
- Translating **evidence** into practice (2002)
- A look to the future: medication use, **safety** and effectiveness under economic uncertainty (2009)
We’ve had some famed keynote speakers at CAPT conferences

Can you name them?
Key people without whom CAPT would not exist

- **Original “gang of four”:** Keith Borden, Ineke Neutel, Linda Strand, Roy West
- **Other founders:** Curt Appel, Jean-Paul Collet, Bruno Jolain, Jacques LeLorier, Mitch Levine, Nigel Rawson
- **By-laws:** Curt Appel
- **Administrators:** Kathy Gaebel, Kris Schindel, Odile Sheehy, Peggy Kee
- **Presidents:** Keith Borden, Curt Appel, Robyn Tamblyn, Anne Holbrook, Ross Tsuyuki, Dev Menon, Colleen Maxwell, Scott Patten, Mitch Levine, Colleen Metge, Judith Soon, Nigel Rawson, Angela Rocchi, Anick Berard, Nicole Mittmann, Allan Gillman, Judith Glennie
- **Other Officers and Board members too numerous to list**
The future of CAPT: what will the next 20 years bring?

- Continued focus on offering a broad and balanced forum for constructive dialogue that is unique to the Canadian health policy environment

- Renewed focus on membership value
  - New CAPT website
  - Student Webexes

- On-going commitment to membership outreach and engagement
  - Ambassador’s Committee (enabling past CAPT leaders to continue to support CAPT’s mandate)
  - Enhance membership in key sectors (e.g. academia, government)